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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0893

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, LY, CH, SU
SUBJECT: PROSPECTS IMPROVE FOR RESUMPTION OF CHAD TALKS IN TRIPOLI

REF: TRIPOLI 0837

1. SUDAN'S BELATED EFFORT TO MOVE THE STALLED CHAD RECON-
CILIATION TALKS FROM TRIPOLI TO KHARTOUM (REFTEL) FAILED DUE
TO FROLINAT AND LIBYAN REFUSAL TO AGREE TO CHANGE THE VENUE,
ACCORDING TO THE SUDANESE EMBASSY HERE. FOLLOWING JALUD'S
DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN
KHARTOUM REPORTEDLY DELIVERED LETTER TO PRESIDENT NUMAYRI
ASKING THAT TALKS BE RESUMED IN TRIPOLI. NUMAYRI AGREED
AND, CONSEQUENTLY, VICE PRESIDENT ABD AL-QASIM IBRAHIM HAS
INFORMED THE SUDANESE EMBASSY HERE THAT HE WILL ARRIVE IN
TRIPOLI "IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS," ALTHOUGH NO FIRM DATE HAS
BEEN SET FOR ANY FORMAL TALKS. THE SUDANESE EXPECT CHAD
TO FOLLOW THE FRENCH LEAD AND FROLINAT TO FOLLOW LIBYA'S.
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IN THIS REGARD, GOUKOUNI IS RELIABLY REPORTED TO ALREADY
BE ENSCONCED IN HIS PRIVATE VILLA NEAR TRIPOLI'S LEADING
HOTEL. NIGER HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO ABD
AL-QASIM. THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION AS TO NIGERIAN
PARTICIPATION IN ANY NEW TALKS.

2. COMMENT. EVEN IF ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE

RECONCILIATION TALKS COME TO TRIPOLI, THERE IS LITTLE OPTIMISM THAT AN EFFECTIVE ACCORD CAN BE WORKED OUT. STILL, AS IS CLEAR FROM JALUD'S TALKS IN PARIS, LIBYA WANTS VERY MUCH TO SEE THE FRENCH PRESENCE REMOVED OR AT A MINIMUM GREATLY REDUCED. WHILE ITS LONG-TERM AIMS IN CHAD HAVE NOT AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LIBYA WILL PRESSURE FROLINAT TO MAKE AT LEAST "PAPER" CONCESSIONS IN ORDER TO EXTRACT A FACE-SAVING FINAL ACCORD WHICH WILL ONCE AGAIN BOLSTER LIBYA'S IMAGE AS "PEACEMAKER" AND PLACE THE ONUS ON FRANCE TO WITHDRAW HER FORCES.

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